

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Macedonia
Program Title:	Cross-Cutting Programs
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	165-0420
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$3,720,000 AEEB
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$83,000 AEEB
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$3,980,000 AEEB
Year of Initial Obligation:	1993
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2006

Summary: This program supports broad administrative and technical support across all strategic objectives and portfolio elements. It consolidates activities which by nature service multiple program components. Included are: program development and support activities, participant training, and small grants.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Participant Training (\$2,050,000 AEEB). The participant training program will continue to upgrade skills, improve knowledge and assist professional development in support of all USAID program components. In FY 2005, an increased emphasis will be placed on education. Training support will also increase in the important areas of the local government and information technology. Special attention will be given to Roma, the most marginalized group in Macedonia. Training programs for Roma will be focused on: 1) general leadership skills, particularly for young people; 2) skills to encourage more participation in the political process; 3) business and entrepreneurship skills; and 4) sector-specific skills to keep up with the latest developments in fields such as health, environment, pedagogy, and human rights. Roma training also will contribute to U.S. Government efforts related to the Decade of the Roma (2005-2015). Program goals include a 50% participation rate for women and a rate of at least 15% for ethnic minorities. The program will also continue to increase the academic level of the professionals in Macedonia, provide them with certification programs, and raise the level of English language proficiency. World Learning (prime)

Peace Corps Small Project Assistance (\$80,000 AEEB). Small project assistance (SPA) grants will be provided in response to proposals submitted by the Peace Corps Volunteers. The project will address community development issues, environmental issues, and student English language training needs. Peace Corps (prime).

Program Development and Support (\$1,590,000 AEEB, \$83,000 AEEB prior year recoveries). The program development and support funds (PD&S) provide USAID with program support resources (people, evaluations, and training). Examples are: sector and program assessments, evaluations, audits, surveys, studies, data quality assessments, and program implementation personnel support. PD&S also includes funding for public-private partnerships, environmental activities, and new initiatives or pilot activities.

FY 2006 Program: Participant Training (\$2,000,000 AEEB). Human Resource Development will continue in FY 2006. The focus of the program will be the education sector and local government, with special attention to facilitating administrative decentralization, and ethnic minority inclusion. Increased representation of minorities will be sought. Contractor/grantee to be determined.

Peace Corps Small Project Assistance (\$80,000 AEEB). SPA grants will be continued. Special emphasis will be given to building community capacity through training.

Program Development and Support (\$1,900,000 AEEB). The support as described in FY 2005 program will continue at approximately the same level in FY 2006. Priority will be on activities and studies that

evaluate on-going programs or that will contribute to designing the new strategy (FY 2007-FY 2011).

Performance and Results: The Participant Training Program (PTP) managed by World Learning in Macedonia was an effective tool supporting all USAID activities in FY 2004. It provided knowledge and skills to Macedonian professionals across Strategic Objective areas. Between October 2003 and September 2004, PTP conducted 64 Training, Technical Assistance and Small Grant interventions, of which 21 took place in the United States, 22 in third-countries, and 21 in Macedonia. A total of 743 participants benefited from PTP in 2004, of which 40.3% were women and 13.4% were of ethnic minorities. The total number of participants in 2004 rose 124%, reflecting a significant increase in the number of in-country interventions. The latter included a series of seminars on financial crimes for 70 judges and prosecutors, and 147 adult students enrolled in English Language courses in 21 schools across 18 cities nationwide. Macedonian professionals were provided scholarships for programs in Europe and the United States. In education, USAID supported the initial phase of certification of school directors by training 13 trainers and providing technical assistance to develop training modules. It also continued support to capacity-building at the South East European University. In the area of economic growth, PTP focused on training key personnel at private firms of particular interest to Mission-sponsored projects, i.e., those involved in the four targeted competitiveness clusters. In the democracy area, the effort focused on providing training for the stakeholders in the judicial system including activities in support of sustainability of local organizations. Such organizations are now able to provide services that had been provided by American organizations.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Macedonia

165-0420 Cross-Cutting Programs	AEEB	ESF
Through September 30, 2003		
Obligations	24,593	22,000
Expenditures	21,293	22,000
Unliquidated	3,300	0
Fiscal Year 2004		
Obligations	4,313	0
Expenditures	2,717	0
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	28,906	22,000
Expenditures	24,010	22,000
Unliquidated	4,896	0
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	83	0

Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA		
Obligations	3,720	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	3,803	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	3,980	0
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	36,689	22,000